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FOLLOWING SENT ACTION SECSTATE WASHDC INFO AMMAN, JIDDA,  
KUWAIT, LONDON, TEHRAN, DHAHRAN, USCINCEUR APRIL 17, 1973  
FROM SANAA IS REPEATED TO YOU: QUOTE

S E C R E T SANAA 638

E. O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, MCAP, MASS, YE, MP, SA, YS

SUBJECT: MILITARY ASSISTANCE FOR YEMEN

REF: STATE 66153 (NOTAL)

1. I CALLED ON RECENTLY RETURNED SAG AMBASSADOR SUDAIRI  
APRIL 15 TO COMPARE NOTES ON YAR' S REQUEST FOR URGENT  
MILITARY ASSISTANCE. I EXPLAINED THAT I WANTED TO CONTINUE OUR  
CLOSE COORDINATION ON YEMEN JUST AS OUR TWO GOVTS WERE NOW DOING  
BY CONSULTATIONS IN RIYADH.

2. IN THIS CONNECTION, AND HAVING IN MIND DEPT' S INSTRUCTIONS  
TO JIDDA ( REFTEL), I TOLD SUDAIRI I WAS HAPPY TO SAY I  
BELIEVED SAG WOULD FIND USG POSITION POSITIVE AND REFLECTING  
A SENSE OF URGENCY.

3. SUDAIRI RECIPROCATED DESIRE FOR CLOSE COORDINATION AND  
APPRECIATED USG' S RESPONSIVENESS TO YEMENI SITUATION. HE  
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DID ADD ONE CAVEAT: SAG BECAUSE OF PDRY AND IRAQI AGGRESSION AT WADIA AND UMM QASR RESPECTIVELY HAD ALL ITS MILITARY EQUIPMENT FULLY COMMITTED. SUPPLIES FOR YEMEN COULD ONLY BE SENT AFTER NOT BEFORE THEY WERE REPLACED. DURING LAST FALL'S YAR- PDRY WAR, SAG HAD MET YARG EMERGENCY NEEDS BY TAKING WEAPONS AWAY FROM ITS OWN TROOPS ( E. G. 50 CAL MG' S); SAG COULD NOT REPEAT THIS ACTION IN VIEW CURRENT SITUATION.

4. SUDAIRI ALSO REITERATED HIS STRONG SUPPORT FOR PRIMIN HAJRI AND SAID SAG STEPPING UP ITS ECONOMIC AID TO YARG TO INCLUDE WATER WELL DRILLING PROGRAM. MINAGR TEAM IS ARRIVING FROM RIYADH THIS WEEK TO STUDY POSSIBLE PROJECTS.  
5. COMMENT. WHILE WE FULLY UNDERSTAND SAG' S NEED TO MEET ITS OWN MILITARY REQUIREMENTS, I UNDERSTAND NOW WHY PRESIDENT IRYANI EXPRESSED SOME DISAPPOINTMENT TO ME ( SANAA 607) OVER SAG' S RESPONSE TO YARG REQUEST FOR EQUIPMENT. CRAWFORD UNQUOTE ROGERS

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